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Sir:

The sole claim of the above-identified application, claim 1, is noted. This claim 1 is the same as allowed claim 1 of Application No. 09/965,220, filed September 28, 2001, and is being submitted in order to provide a proper non-provisional application. Applicants will be filing a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in due course, with claims to be considered on the merits in the above-identified application.

If the above-referred-to Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is not in the file of the above-identified application at the time that the Examiner takes up the above-identified application for consideration, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned so as to determine status of such Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is thanked in advance for complying with this request.

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